

Budleigh Salterton
Urban District Council.



ANNUAL REPORT

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Of the Vital Statistics,
Sanitary Work, &c.,

By

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" FAIRFORD,"

EXMOUTH.

19th October, 1946.

To the

**Chairman and Members of the
Budleigh Salterton Urban District Council.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to present the Annual Report outlining the general conditions prevailing in the District during 1945.

Statistics.

			<i>Total.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Live Births	{ Legitimate	.....	60	25	35
	{ Illegitimate	.....	8	2	6
Stillbirths	{ Legitimate	.....	1	—	1
	{ Illegitimate	.....	1	1	—

Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (3697 being the Registrar General's Estimate), 18.3.

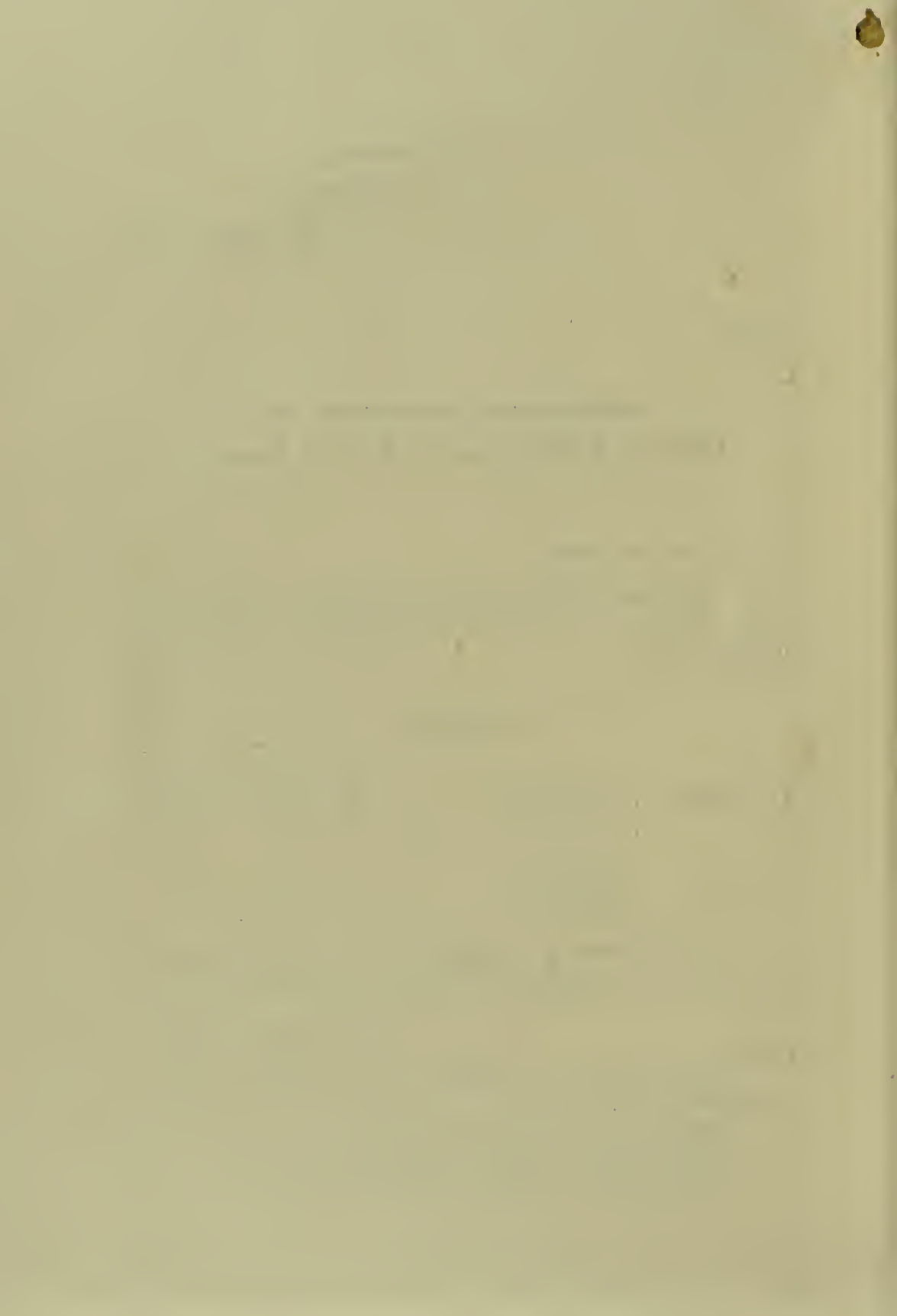
		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Deaths	.....	75	35	40

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population, 20.2.

Deaths from puerperal causes, Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age,

All Infants per 1000 live births, 33.0.



Water.

A continuous supply of pure potable water is provided, and the chemical and bacteriological analyses are invariably satisfactory. No new sources of supply have been requisitioned.

Report on Examination of Sample of Water.

Chemical (Results expressed as parts per 100,000).

Hardness, as calcium carbonate—

Temporary 13.6. Permanent 6.4 Total ..	20.0
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Chlorides, as Chlorine	3.1
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Ammonia, free and saline, as nitrogen	nil
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Ammonia, albuminoid, as Nitrogen005
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Nitrates as Nitrogen4
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Nitrites as Nitrogen	Nil
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Oxygen (absorbed 3 hrs. at 37°C)013
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Metals, zinc, copper and lead, not detected

Remarks. Sample clear and free from sediment.

Bacteriological.

Probable number coli-aerogenes organisms per
100 c.c.=5.

Conclusions.

This sample is of a satisfactory standard of organic and bacterial purity.

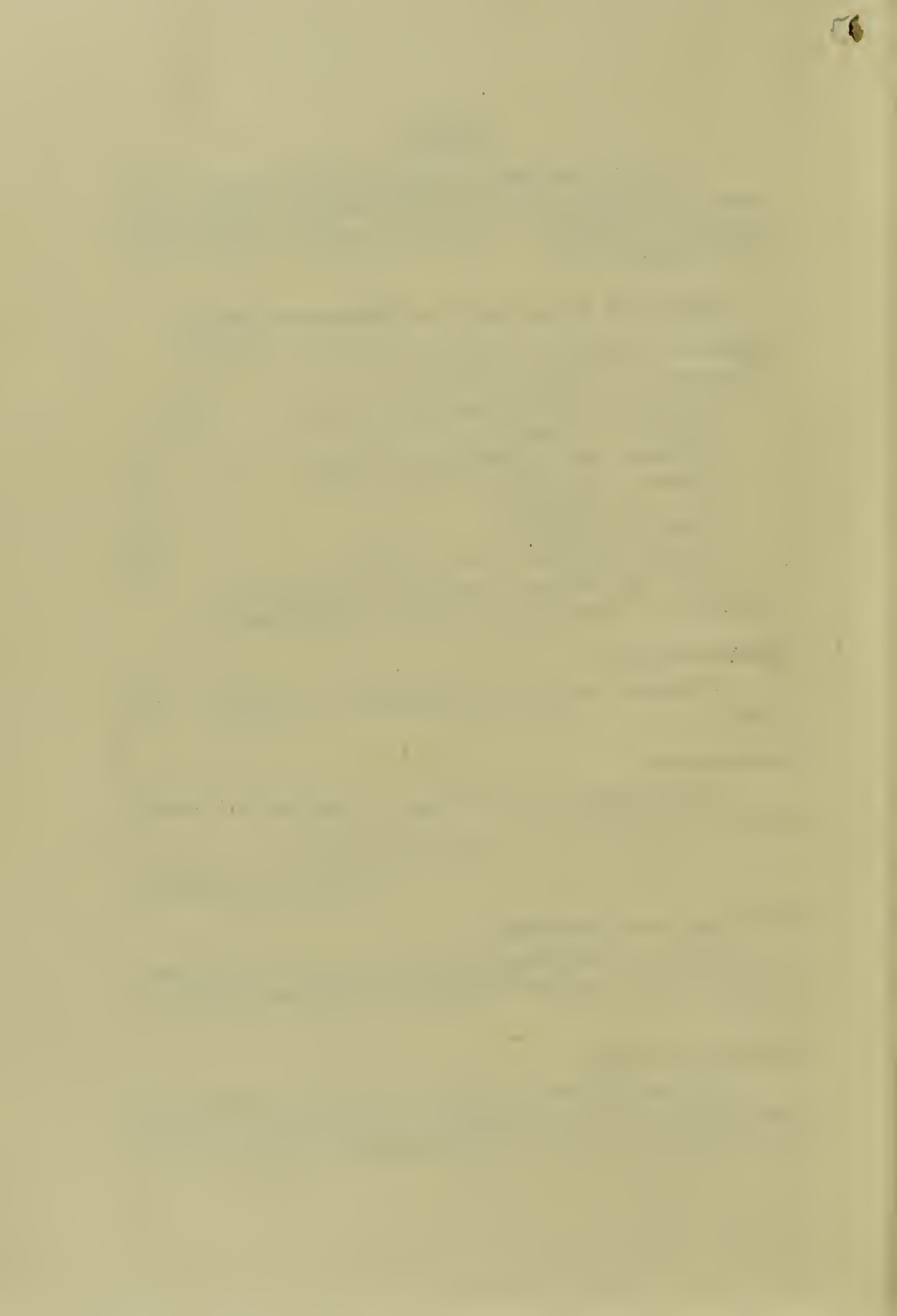
J. CRUICKSHANK,
County Bacteriologist.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The water carriage system is operative throughout the Area, and no complaints regarding its efficiency have been reported.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and its disposal is carried out periodically, and in this connection, paper, bones, textiles and non-ferrous metals have special days allotted to them.



Schools.

The sanitation and water supply is satisfactory. Cases of infectious disease are notified promptly. The measures taken for the prevention and dissemination of disease as recommended in the "Memorandum on Closure of, and Exclusion from School, 1927" are closely followed.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

During the year visits were made to all premises dealing with the production and distribution of food. No infringements of the Statutory Regulations were disclosed.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified in 1945 :—

Chickenpox	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Lobar Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Measles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159
Cerebrospinal Fever	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

Tuberculosis. Males.

Females.

<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>
1	1	3	1

Venereal Disease.

No cases were brought to my notice.

Diphtheria.

Monthly Sessions were held for the immunisation of children against this disease, from nine months to fifteen years of age. By means of posters and notices in the Press, the advantages derived from this prophylactic treatment were brought to the notice of the public, and the attendances were satisfactory.

Two injections, a month intervening, was the method adopted ; A.P.T. .2 cc. for the first and .5 cc for the second injection. Strict aseptic precautions were taken in every case and no untoward reactions were recorded.

My best thanks are due to the Surveyor and Clerk for their help on many occasions.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. BEESLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

